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July 5, 2006

Mr. John Donahue, Superintendent USDI National Park Service Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Bushkill, PA 18324

Dear Mr. Donahue:

On June 14, 2006, I conducted an aerial detection survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. Approximately 316 acres of light defoliation (31-50%) and 442 acres of heavy defoliation (51-100%) were detected on site (Figures 1 and 2). An additional 7.6 acres of heavy defoliation were detected in the vicinity of the site.

If you anticipate requesting financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2007, please contact Brad Onken at (304) 285-1546 or me at (304) 285-1555 before August 25, 2006.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey or survey letter.

Sincerely,

RODNEY L. WHITEMAN

Forester

Forest Health Protection

Enclosures

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Figure 1. -- Results of the aerial dectection survey at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area June 14, 2006. (Northern half)

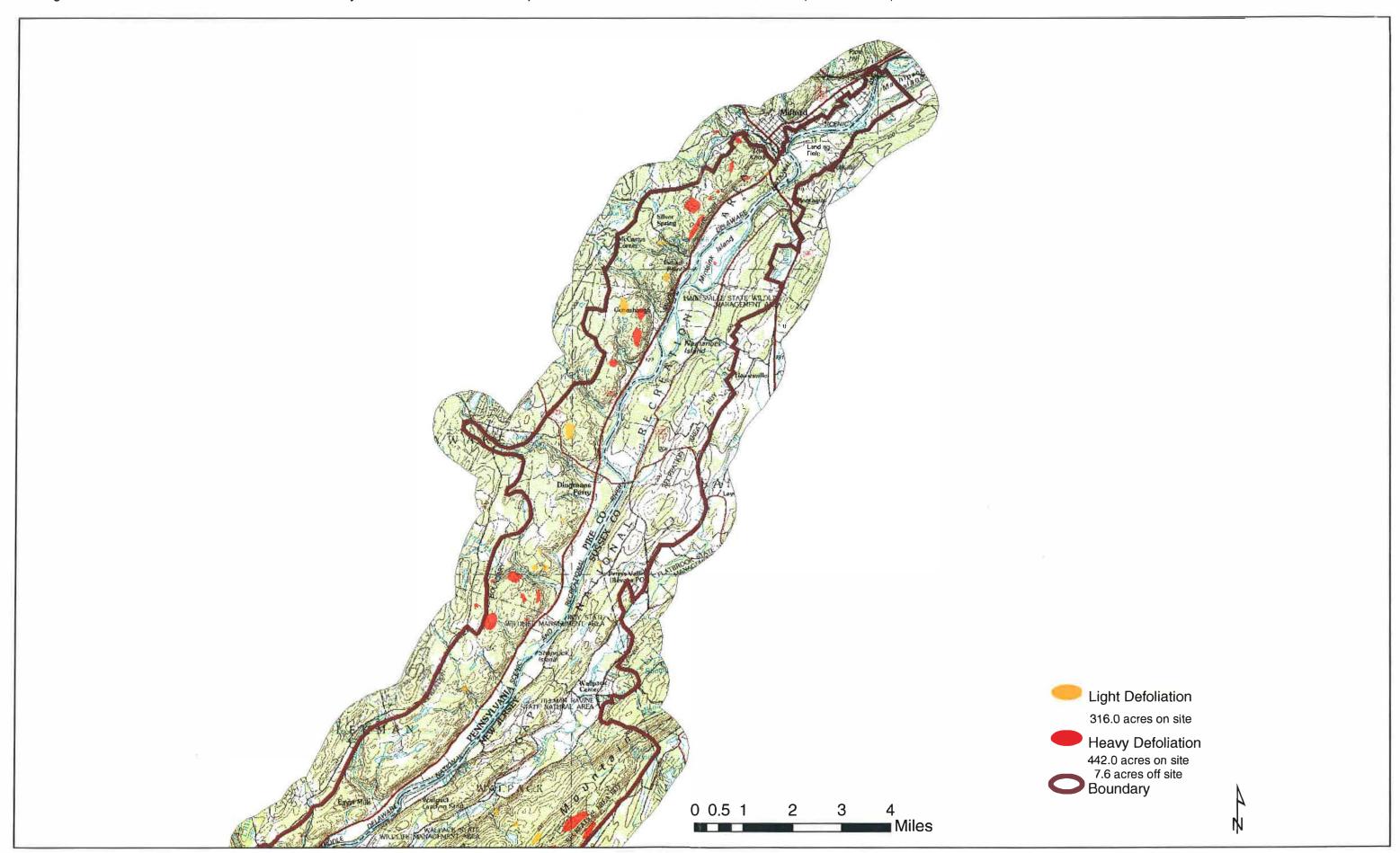


Figure 2. -- Results of the aerial dectection survey at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area June 14, 2006. (Southern half)

